Shinabarger Family History

Sixth Generation
Riley Ernest Shinabarger – Grandpa
1886-1966

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The Shinabarger family became secretive and splintered following the marriage of Ernest and Delilah Carter. To some degree, their son Riley would surmount and patch this rift during his lifetime. Relationships with the Midwest and West Coast Shinabargers developed and cemented with time. One could analyze the effect events had on one's life but it is easier to just tell their story in this final chapter of the Shinabarger family.

From "Ashland John" Shinabarger 1764 VA, to Jacob 1794 VA, grandson Simon Peter 1821 OH, to Ernest Franklin 1860 IN, the genealogical line continues into the 5th known generation of Shinabargers, that of Riley Ernest and his half-siblings.

Ernest Franklin Shinabarger was the first son born of Simon Peter and Laura Tabor Shinabarger (left) whose union would last for 50 years. Both enjoyed long lives, Simon dying at the age of 81 and Laura at 80. In their lifetimes, they witnessed the marriages, divorces, remarriages, and the births of at least 42 grandchildren and several great grandchildren. Children moved away but many stayed in the same county as their parents.

Unfortunately, much ancestral history is gone; genealogy, research and DNA testing is the only answer to mend this loss.

Simon and Laura would know their grandson Riley. However, it is unknown how well they knew of their Washington grandchildren. It is assumed they did.

According to Simon's Will 1 July 1902, he left his estate to children Laura, Ernest, Burton, Martha Pettit, Diana (Zana) Wallace, Belle Hill, Edward, Mary Keel, Maude, and Walter. But he also noted in his Will, Earnest "my beloved son" and "heretofore received from me as an advancement the sum of about three hundred and fifty dollars and other considerations and articles of value in all, the sum of about six hundred dollars" plus another one hundred dollars.[1]

It would appear that father Simon helped his son Ernest established his new life and family in Washington.

[1] Will Record, Vol C-E, 1891-1914 Porter County IN, page 364-365.

Simon's "beloved son" Ernest was divorced by his wife Delilah May Carter around 1887 while his son Riley was an infant. He quickly left Indiana to travel across the U.S. to the Pacific Coast, alighting in the lumber town of Grays Harbor, Chehalis Co. WA. Here he remarried young Georgiana Mix in Dec 1888 and he would start his second family.

Children of Ernest Franklin Shinabarger and Georgiana Mix:

1. Harry Shinabarger 1890
2. Millicent Alberta Shinabarger 1892
3. Georgia Anna "Pete" Shinabarger 1893
4. Harriet Ernstine Shinabarger 1905

At left: Millicent, Harry, Georgia and mother Georgiana circa 1945.

Harry Shinabarger was born 2 Aug 1890 in Elma, Grays Harbor Co., WA. He married Irene Campbell on 28 Jan 1913. Irene was born 26 Nov 1892 in McGregor, Clayton Co. IA, the daughter of William Campbell and Christiana Davidson.

This couple divorced sometime before 1940. (Irene married Basil Boner in 1941.)

At right, Riley Shinabarger meeting his half-nephew William Franklin, and half-niece Millicent Albert circa 1918. It is unknown if Riley traveled to Washington or his siblings visited him in Indiana.

1910 – Federal Census Cosmopolis, Chehalis Co. WA, Harry is living with his parents and siblings. Working as a waiter.

1917 – June 5th Harry registers for the WWI draft, born in Elma and a shingle weaver for Royal Cedar Co. in Marysville WA.

1920 – Federal Census Seattle, King Co. WA, Harry is 29, Irene 27, Frank 5 and Millicent 3. Working in shipyards.

1930 – Federal Census Seattle, King Co. WA, Harry is 39, Irene 37 with children Franklin 15, Millicent 13, and brother-in-law Ward Campbell 33.

1940 – Federal Census Seattle, King Co. WA, Harry is 49, divorced, living with his mother Georgiana 68. He is a shingle weaver.

1942 – April 25th, Harry's WW2 Registration card, living at 6757 Sycamore Ave. in Seattle. Born in Elma, WA. contact is Mrs. Georgia Shinabarger who lives 715 West 70th in Seattle. He is unemployed. He is 51, born 2 Aug 1890. Has scar on heel of right hand and abscess scar on right side of neck. Currently unemployed.

1950 – Harry Shinabarger died on 12 Nov in Seattle, King Co. WA and is assumed buried in Everett, Snohomish Co. WA.

Children of Harry Shinabarger and Irene Campbell:

1. William Franklin Shinabarger – 7 Sep 1914 – 26 Dec 1977; married Maryan Packard, 5 children
2. Millicent Alberta Shinabarger – 6 Jul 1916 – 29 Oct 1991; married Joseph Barnes, 6 children
3. Stillborn child - 4 Sept 1913

Millicent Alberta Shinabarger was born 30 April 1892 in Elma, Grays Harbor Co., WA. On 16 Dec 1912, Millicent married Carl Frederick Pahl. Carl was born 6 Dec 1889 in Gettysburg, Potter Co. South Dakota to parents William Pahl and Hulda Schirmann.[2]

1910 – Federal Census Cosmopolis, Chehalis Co. WA, Millicent is 17 and living with her parents and siblings. Working as a Stenographer.

[2] Millicent was a correspondent and friend of Vera Shinabarger, daughter of half-brother Riley Shinabarger.

1917 – Daughter Jean Alys is born 9 May in Seattle, WA.

1917 – 5 June Carl registers for the WWI draft. He lists a wife and daughter. His occupation is a store clerk for the Gold Bar Lumber Co.

1918 – Carl enlisted 20 Oct and served until 19 Dec as part of the 41st Co. Coast Defense of Puget Sound, CAC, USA.

1920 – Federal Census Seattle, Kings Co. WA, Millicent is 27 and living with her widowed mother Georgiana 48. Carl 30, daughter Jean 2. Siblings Hattie 14 and Georgia 26 are in the home. Millicent is a stenographer for a lumber company.

1926 - Millicent arrives into port of Honolulu, Hawaii aboard the *Aorangi* on 1 Sept. It is thought this is when Millicent and Carl were divorced. Carl remarries after 1930 to Charlotte Esther McCandless, part Hawaiian and they remain in Honolulu.

1930 – Federal Census Seattle, King Co. WA –Millicent Shinabarger 36 living with mother Georgia 58, her daughter Jean Alys Pahl 12, and her sister Hattie 25. Millicent is divorced.

1933 – Millicent married Gilbert Wesley "G.W." Griffin on 3 Jul in Montesano, Grays Harbor Co. Washington. (at left) G.W. was born in Oregon, parents were D. Griffin of NY and Eugenia Johnson of OR. This is second marriage for both.

1937 – Daughter Jean age 20 departed on ship *Malolo* to arrive in Honolulu on 1 Apr 1937 / ship was *Matsonia* and Port of Departure was Honolulu 1938 5 Feb for home.

1940 – Federal Census Chico, Butte Co. CA, Gilbert 48, Millicent 48 and Jean Alys 22. This census reflects Jean is divorced but that may be an error as her only known marriage was to Marshall Reese in 1943, (divorced after 1957). Their daughter Renae b. circa 1945

1958 – Aug 27, Carl F. Pahl died in Honolulu, Hawaii and is buried at the National Cemetery in Honolulu. His stone reads "Pvt. Coast Artillery Corps"

1963 – On 27 Aug, Millicent Alberta died in Oroville, Butte Co. CA. She was buried at Evergreen Cemetery, Everett, Snohomish Co. WA.

1964 – On 10 Jul, Gilbert Griffin died in Butte Co. CA and was buried at Evergreen Cemetery, Everett, Snohomish Co. WA.

Child of Millicent Alberta Shinabarger and Carl F. Pahl:

1. Jean Alys Pahl – 9 May 1917-12 Jan 1972; married Marshall Reese, one daughter Renae

Jean Alys was a long-time correspondent with her cousin Vera Shinabarger Bunyard and a source of family stories. Vera visited Jean in Cypress CA in 1968.

"Takes me back to when grandma Shinabarger (Georgiana) was still with us. I called our youngest Renae *Stinky*. Well grandma took it as long as she could then asked "Why do you call her Stinky?" She doesn't does she?" I didn't bother to explain it's an endearment but I sure did for name in front of her if I can remember. You surely brought up fun memories with that simple word. Thank you… ……"love to you all and tell the squeeze box kid I envy her and someday maybe I'll get to hear her play." Jean Alys is talking about Vera's daughter Patricia who was learning to play the accordion. [3]

1966 "how is my aunt Pete? Uncle Ewald? Naturally I don't hear from them but dislike not knowing how they are. After all, it is mom's sister and she is about my closest relative on that side." "I don't hear from Millicent, Frank or Janet. I got mad at "M" at grandma's funeral and that was that. Janet and I were closed as kids but since she grew up nothing. Of course, Frank never writes, a Christmas card is about the size of it. Mary seldom wrote to mom and only once or twice to me. Of course, Pete and I don't write so what the heck."

Georgia Anna "Pete" Shinabarger was born 21 Nov 1893 in Elma, Grays Harbor Co. WA. On 18 June 1923, Georgia married John Ewald Thraff in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho. John Thraff was born 3 Oct 1885 in Fälinge Stockholm Län, Sweden. John was a Swedish immigrant who arrived Boston MA on 19 Oct 1900 from Port of Goteborg. He applied for naturalization 21 Feb 1914 in Flathead, Montana.

1920 – Federal Census Seattle, King Co. WA finds Georgia age 26 living with her mother and siblings. She is a stenographer for a fire insurance company.

1922 – Georgia departs Vancouver, British Columbia on 13 Jan for Honolulu Hawaii.[4]

1923 - Georgia Shinabarger departed the port of Honolulu, Hawaii aboard the *Niagara* in May. Arrived Vancouver, British Columbia/Seattle WA.

1924 – On 18 June Georgia and John Thraff are married.

[3] Letter dated 8 January 1958

[4] It is unknown the purpose of the trips back and forth to Honolulu as several members of the family made this voyage. Millicent's husband Carl Pahl eventually stays there.

1924 - Mrs Georgia Ana Thraff baptized at Episcopal Diocese of Spokane, All Saints Episcopal Cathedral; daughter Janet Esther baptized on 29 May 1924.

1930 – Federal Census Spokane, Spokane, WA with John E. 44, Georgia A. 36, Janet E. 5. John is a storekeeper for the railroad.

1930 – John Thraff's Naturalized petition 1 Nov 1930, living in Washington.

1940 – Federal Census Great Falls, Cascade Co. Montana with John 54, Georgia 46 and Janet 15. Lived in same place in 1935.

1942 – John registers for the WWII draft; John is 56 living in Saint Paul, MN; John is working for Great Northern RR. CO Store Department, in St. Paul.

1971 – Georgia Anna died in Saint Paul, Ramsey Co. MN on 16 June. She was buried at the Elmhurst Cemetery in Saint Paul, MN.

1977 – John Thraff died in Saint Paul MN on 13 March and is buried at Elmhurst Cemetery in Saint Paul, MN.

Child of Georgia Anna Shinabarger and John Ewald Thraff:

1. Janet Esther Thraff 1924-2004; married Donald A. Shellgren, 2 children

Harriet Ernstine "Hattie" Shinabarger was born 5 Sept 1905 in WA. On 25 April 1931, Harriett married William Alvin Joslyn. William was born in 1904 in Northport, Stevens Co. WA, the son of Thomas and Retta Joslyn.

1930 – Federal Census Seattle, King C. WA, Hattie is living with her widowed mother Georgiana and sibling Millicent (divorced) and niece Jean Alys.

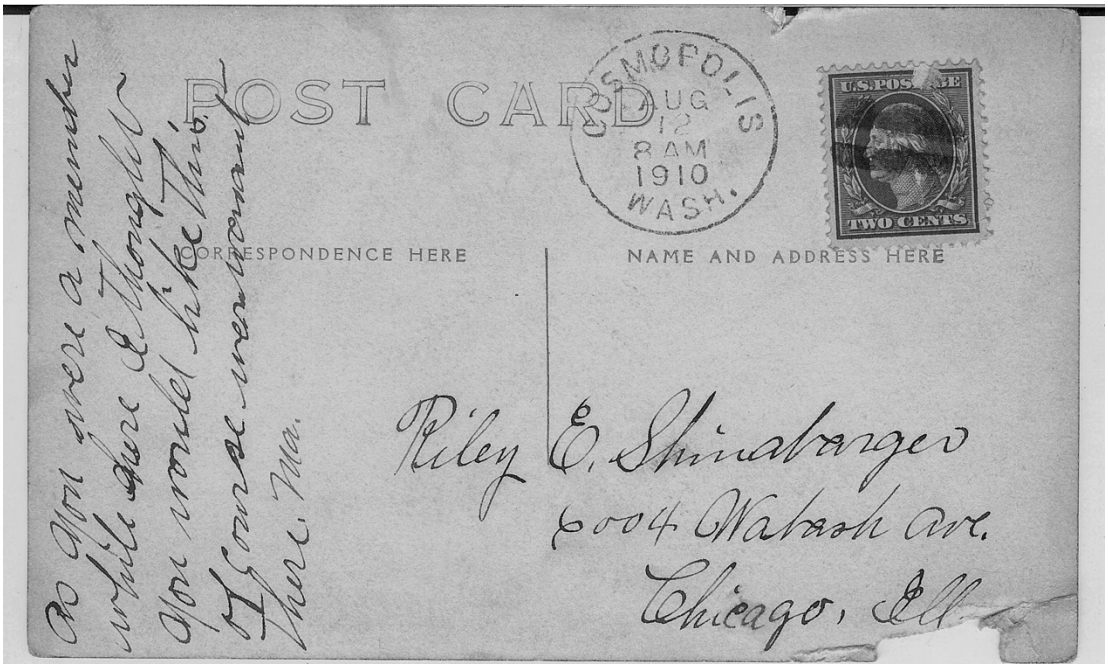
1930 – City Directory for Seattle WA, living with her mother. Hattie is a stenographer for Continental Coal Co.

1936 – On 14 May, Harriet died in Manchester, Kitsap Co. WA and is buried in Everett, Snohomish Co. WA at the age of 30. There was an unconfirmed rumor that she may have committed suicide.

Photos of the family of Ernest and Georgiana show that Riley Shinabarger not only lived with his father for a period of time between 1908-1910, but Riley continued to visit and correspond with his Washington siblings. Sister Georgia referred to her half-brother Riley as "Bub."

Sharing photos and correspondence, these two families blended in spite of their separation and distance.

Left to right: Millicent, Jean Alys, Grandma Georgiana, Georgia and young Janet. Circa 1927



A postcard from Georgiana Shinabarger, dated 12 Aug 1910 Cosmopolis, refers to the time Riley was living with them in Washington and

"As you were a member (Firemens Picnic) while here, I thought you would like this, of course we were not there.

Ma"

Following, the tracing of several blended families: Shinabarger, Carter, Crampton, Megg and Schlundt. The surnames are in bold so as to help in keeping track of the blended families And a few mysteries….

Riley Ernest Shinabarger was born on 7 September 1886 in Porter Co. Indiana. He was the only son of Ernest Franklin **Shinabarger** and Delilah May **Carter**. Ernest and 16-year-old "May" were married 31 Oct 1885. Delilah May Carter was the daughter of Philo "John Filo" Carter and Elizabeth Spears.

"PHILO **CARTER**, one of the pioneers of Porter County, is a son of Jacob and Chloe (Doud) Carter; he was born in Onondaga County, N. Y., March 27, 1829. At the age of twenty he began the battle of life for himself by working by the month, and afterward at the carpenter's trade, but which he never learned in the usual way, as he was a natural mechanic. In August, 1849, he was married to Mary A, Johnson, of this county, who died in November, 1860, leaving a family of three—Henry (now in Kansas), George (now in Nebraska) and Chloe C. (wife of C. Doud, of this township). His second marriage, to Elizabeth A. Spears, took place October 29, 1865; she is a native of Upper Canada, but lived here at the time of her marriage. By this union there have been six children—Schuyler C, Delilah M., Riley E., Hattie L., Almina and Malvina (twins). In 1860, Mr. Carter crossed the plains to Colorado, for the purpose of mining, but soon returned. He is now a farmer, and has 200 acres. Mr. Carter is a Republican, having been such since the organization of the party." [5]

Elizabeth **SPEARS** was born 25 Jan 1847 in Upper Canada and was the daughter of Edward Spear. Her parents emigrated from Canada with her extended family about 1848-1849.

1850 Federal Census Berlin, St. Clair County, MI has Edward Spear 26 born Canada, farmer, and Charlotte (Fuller) 25 born Canada, daughter Elizabeth 6 born Canada and Calvin 1 born Canada.

Next door to Edward in 1850 is Calvin Spear 50 born Canada, Charlotte 40 born Canada with Elijah 10, John 8, Nancy 6, Gideon 3 all born Canada, and Hannah 2 months born in MI. Calvin married Charlotte Stone in 1822 in Victoria, Canada. It is assumed that Calvin is the father of both Nelson and Edward. When Nelson dies in 1853, he names his son Edward as administrator of his Will. There are distant cousins who link this family with the Shinabargers by DNA.

On the other side are Nelson Spear 24 born Canada and Sarah 20 born Canada and Andrew J. 1 born MI. Nelson and Sarah Ellen Moore have a daughter, Helen Meora, in 1857. Nelson is the 3X great-grandfather of a 4C1R. Our common ancestor would be Calvin Spear and Charlotte Stone.

1852 California State Census (June) shows that Philo Carter, age 23, is mining in El Dorado Co. His last residence was given as Utah Territory.

El Dorado Co. (Placerville county seat) was the site of Sutter's Mill and the historic gold country. Sutter established New Helvetia at the confluence of the American and Sacramento rivers in 1839. By 1841 emigrants to the west were arriving in significant numbers. Philo Carter made this tedious overland trip to Northern California through deserts, mountains and sometimes snow. He seems to have stopped off for mining in Utah then moved on to El Dorado Co. He returned to the farm in Porter Co. by 1860.

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[5] Goodspeed, Weston Arthur 1852-1926. "Counties of Porter and Lake, Indiana: historical and biographical." pages 593-594.

The first two men convicted of murder in District Court of El Dorado County were executed November 3, 1854 by hanging in Coloma and it was witnessed by 6,000 people. Did Philo witness this or was he headed back to Porter Co. by this time?

1880 – Federal Census Jackson, Porter Co. IN with Philo Carter 51, Elizabeth 33 and their 6 children including 10-year-old Delila M.

1880 - Federal Census, Washington Twp. Porter Co. IN with Simon Shinabarger 60, Laura 43, Jana 22 (Alta), Ernest 19, Bell 17, Nellie 14, Eddie 12, Mary 10, Walter 5, Maud 1.

1885 – 31 Oct Ernest Franklin Shinabarger and Delilah May Carter are married. Ernest is 25, Delilah is 16.

1886 – On 7 Sept Riley Ernest Shinabarger is born Porter Co.

It is unknown when Delilah May divorced Ernest but it was probably shortly after the birth of their son, Riley. His father Ernest is living in Washington by early 1888.

1888 – On 16 December, Ernest "Frank" Shinabarger married Georgiana **Mix** in Chehalis, Lewis Co. WA.[6] Georgiana was 16 years old. Georgiana was born in Mason County, Washington Territory on 21 November 1871.

1898 – Delilah May Carter Shinabarger married Delbert **Crampton** on 31 Jan in Valparaiso, Center, Porter Co. IN. Delbert was born 6 Mar 1871 in Elkhart, Elkhart Co. IN to parents Zachirah Crampton and Katherine Cragen. Her son Riley is living with his grandparents Philo and Elizabeth Carter.

1900 - Federal Census Jackson, Porter Co. IN with Philo **Carter** 71, Elizabeth 51, Elmina 19, Thurlow 11, Reilley 12 "Adopted son," and Thistla their granddaughter (daughter by son Edward).

1900 Federal Census Locke, Elkhart Co. IN with Delbert **Crampton** 29 and Delilah M. 30. Riley is in the home of his Carter grandparents, noted above.

1900 – Federal Census Cosmopolis, Chehalis Co. WA - Ernest **Shinabarger** 39 Mill Tallyman; Georgie 28 (*parents unknown*), Harry 9, Millicent 8, Georgie 6. Married 12 years. 3 children, 3 living.

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[6] Grays Harbor County, Marriage Affidavits - 1855 to 1903.

1906 – Philo Carter died 4 Sep 1906 in Porter Co. and was buried in the Carter Cemetery, Jackson, Porter Co. IN. Elizabeth died 5 Jan 1918 and buried in Carter Cemetery.

1907 – Riley turned age 21. It was family rumor that when he turned 21, he "learned" of his father. He then traveled to Washington state to meet his west coast family. Unknown who disclosed this to Riley.

"All I knew was he believed his grandparents, who raised him and adopted him, and he went by name of Carter, when he learned when he was over 21 that his father was still living in Washington. He was going with my mom (Flora) before he left and it was always kind of a joke as she said he went out as a Carter and came home a Shinabarger. He proposed to her while there and said he'd come back if she would marry him with name of Shinabarger. His father said he had never signed any adoption papers, so his name was Shinabarger not Carter. He was back before end of 1910 as he was married Dec. 15. 1910. He would have been 21 on Sept 7 1907." [7]

1908 - Cosmopolis City Directory: Ernest F, bicycles and bicycle rpr, ss 1st 3 w F, h ss 1st 2 w F; in home are E.F. Shinabarger; Georgia A, student, Harry, student, Millicent, student; Riley E, setter. No mention of spouse Georgiana

Riley has moved to Washington and is living with his father and his half-siblings. He remained there until at least early 1910.

1910 - Cosmopolis City Directory: Ernest F. **Shinabarger**, bicycle rpr, h 1st near F; Georgia A, student; Harry; Millicent, stenographer; Riley E. Shinabarger, setter. No mention of Georgiana and Harriett but census cites they are there.

1910 Federal Census on April 20th in Cosmopolis, Chehalis Co. WA with Ernest F. 49, Georgia 38, Harry 19, Millicent 17, Georgia 15 and Hattie 4. Ernest is a Tallyman at the lumber mill. *Riley has left Cosmopolis and is in Chicago with his mother and Delbert Crampton.*

1910 – Federal Census on April 16th Chicago Ward 31, Cook Co. Illinois, Delbert **Crampton** age 39 a locomotive hostler, and Mary D. 41. Rents home, living on State Street. In the house is son "Riley E. Crampton" age 23. Riley a Locomotive Fireman. Census was taken April 16th; for Riley to be in the home at this time he would have had to return from Washington and go to his mother's house before he married Flora in December.

[7] Riley's daughter, Vera May Shinabarger

A postcard from Georgiana Shinabarger (Ernest's wife), dated 12 Aug 1910 Cosmopolis, refers to time Riley was there and *"As you were a member (Firemens Picnic) while here, I thought you would like this, of course we were not there. Ma")*

Picnic took place at Melborn 7 Aug 1910. Postcard is addressed to Riley at 6004 Wabash, Chicago IL. This address is 5 blocks west of the southwest corner of Washington Park and University of Chicago, 5 blocks east of the 90 Expressway. Railroad station is within blocks. Believe this Wabash address was his first apartment and where he and Flora settled first years of their marriage.

1910 – December 15th 1910, Riley Ernest Shinabarger married Flora **Schlundt** at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Valparaiso, Porter Co. IN.

Flora Schlundt was born 7 Jan 1888 in Coburg, Valparaiso, Porter Co. IN. She was the daughter of Mary Schlundt. Mary Schlundt, born 24 Sep 1867 in Westville, LaPorte Co. was the daughter of John Frederick Schlundt and Fredaricka Pöhl. At the time of Flora's birth, Mary was unmarried.

1888 - St. Paul's Lutheran Church records, states "Schlundt, Flora, 7 Jan 1888 to Christ **SARK**, allegedly, and Maria Schlundt." [8]

At this time, the Lutheran church served a triple parish of Otis, Westville and Chesterton. Otis' St. Paul was started in 1870 and dedicated 1875. The Chesterton church was founded 1864 but the building was dedicated in 1891. United Methodist in Westville began 1868. The Schlundt Farm is closest to the church in Westville. This birth entry is in the church book in Westville. Their records are very good and allow the tracing of families in the parish including Schlunt, Pöhl, and Stark.

There is no *Sark* family in the area but the Pastor would have known the Stark family and the entry could have an error in spelling. But there are numerous entries for a Stark family. Entries for father and son are often seen as Christ. Stark. His sister Hulda is a sponsor at baptism at Otis St. Paul's for Olga Schmidt in March of 1888.

In the 1874 Atlas of Coolspring Twp. in LaPorte Co. C. Stark has about 80 acres of land in the south-central part of this township. Mary Schlundt's Pöhl grandparents were in proximity to the Stark family. Both remained in the Michigan City, LaPorte County area and attended the same churches. It is hard to imagine that Mary would name Christ. nor the minister enter his name unless there was some validity to the claim.

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[8] St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Otis, Indiana. D.R. Niendorf 1992, p.27

1902 - Flora Schlundt (b. 7 Jan 1888) was confirmed at the Immanuel Church on 23 Mar 1902.[9]

Flora's christening is witnessed by John Schlundt (her grandfather who raised her) Maria Pöhl (believe this is Mary Ahlgrim who marries Charles Pohl/Powell 1832 who is Fredaricka Pöhl Schlundt's brother), and Christian Arndt 1845. Flora's christening record is signed by Friedrich Wilhelm Schlechte the Ev. Luth. Pastor.

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Is Christopher John Stark the father of Flora Schlundt? This probability is based upon the proximity of the Stark and Schlundt families, both being members of the same church, and the fact that Christ. Sark is named in birth records. In 1874, C. Stark has farm land in the very south-central part of Coolspring Township. To the east is L. Dahlke with 80 acres (his son marries sister Hulda Stark). Both farms are along the southern border with Otis, New Durham Township and Westville where the Schlunts/Shinabargers/Pöhls farm just southeast in Jackson Twp. This is a distance of less than 10 miles. A final thought on the paternity is the fact that the name was disclosed on the confirmation record at all. It is hard to imagine that Mary Schlundt would admit this in front of her parents and the minister would name the man in the record unless it was reasonably true, even if the minister adds "allegedly."

Christopher Stark married Louise Vache in 1894 LaPorte Co. IN. He lived in the LaPorte Co. area all his life; Christ died in Michigan City IN 15 Jan 1951. Christ and Louise had three children: Agnes, Clarence and Louis. There were grandchildren. Only through DNA testing will any relationship be confirmed or eliminated.

It is unknown if Flora ever learned of her paternity.

1891 – on 15 December, Mary Schlundt married Gustav **Megg** at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Valparaiso, Center, Porter Co. IN. Gustav was born 22 Oct 1864 in Germany. He arrived in the US in 1869 and became a naturalized citizen in 1912-1913. Her daughter Flora would never appear to live in the Megg home.

Like her future husband Riley, Flora Schlundt would not know her father and was raised by her grandparents, John Schlundt and Rredaricka Pöhl.

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[9] Confirmation record is in German and says born 7 Jan 1888, confirmed 23 day of Marz 1902 in the Ev. Lutheran. Immanuels Kirche zee Valparaiso, Indiana. The pastor for the confirmation was August Rehwaldt.

[10] St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Otis, Indiana. D.R. Niendorf 1992, p.27

1866 – On 13 Dec at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Valparaiso, John Frederick **Schlundt** married Fredaricka "Freda" **Pöhl**. John was the son of Johann Friederick Schlundt and Frederika Charlotta Dabbert of Schwinkendorf, Mecklenburg, Germany. Both John and Freda were born in Germany and immigrated to the U.S.

1900 – Federal Census Jackson, Porter Co. IN finds John **Schlundt** 73, Reicka Schlundt 55, their won William 21 and daughter Flora 12. Census sites Flora's parents both born Indiana. John and Reicka were both born in Germany; John came in 1856 and Reicka in 1866.

1910 – Federal Census Jackson, Porter Co. IN finds John Schlundt 83, Fredricka Schlundt 66, their won William 31 and granddaughter Flora 22. Her father born in the U.S.

1910 – Federal Census Center, Porter, IN, Gust **Megg** 45, Mary (Schlundt) 43, Minnie 17, John 14, and twins Emma and Anna 9.

Picture of Mary and Gus Megg with children: Anna, John, "Minnie" and Emma.

1911 – Born to Riley and Flora on 14 Nov was Kenneth Ernest Shinabarger. They were living on Wabash Ave. in Chicago at the time.

1913 - Riley Shinabarger, locomotive fireman, promoted Engineer for New York Central Western Division. 6 Jan 1913. Member of Locomotive Firemen 1915. $80 month. with LS & MR Railroad.

Riley E. Shinabarger received his Pension Certificate for Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen at 12 o'clock noon on the 15th day of January 1920. Lodge No. 162, Elkhart, Ind.

"From 1869 to 1914, the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway was the route of empire as the young American nation began its expansion westward. It's tracks, laid by several of its predecessor lines, were the first rail connection between New York City and Chicago. Thereafter, the rail line became the crucial link and backbone of the burgeoning industrial and agricultural heartland...For generations after the Civil War, the LS&MS was the best way West.

In 1869 the LS&MS Railway was formed by the consolidation of four smaller railroads into one complete line between Chicago and Buffalo. It's predecessor, the Michigan Southern and Northern

Indiana RR, laid the first tracks through the Calumet region[11] in 1851, through the most difficult terrain on the entire road. Before that time the route overland, through marshes, wetlands and sand, was laborious in the extreme.

The town of Miller, Indiana was settled when the Michigan Southern established a coaling and watering stop at that location. In 1874 the B&O Railroad pushed its tracks through to Chicago crossing the LS&MS at Miller.[12] When the mills were built at Gary in 1906 the tracks that ran down Miller Ave were torn up and moved further north. And in 1914 the LS&MS RR, which was by then owned almost exclusively by Cornelius Vanderbilt, was absorbed into his New York Central line.

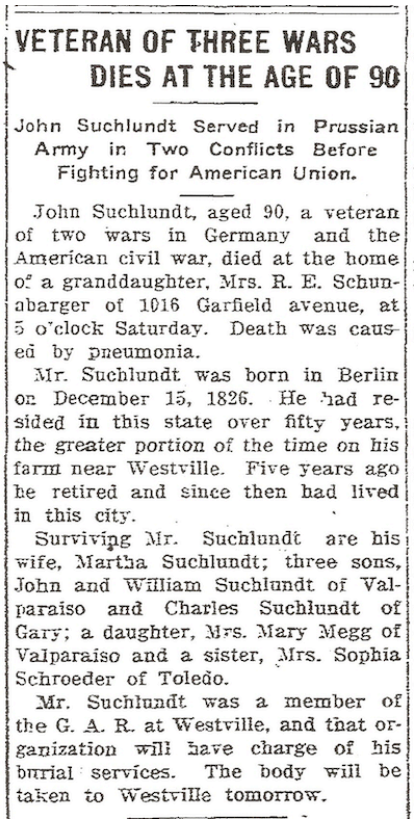
Over the tracks that used to run down Miller Ave ran Lincoln's funeral train in 1865 and in 1904 those tracks saw the first running of the 20th Century Limited, perhaps America's most famous passenger train."[13]

Evidence shows that Riley and Flora were kind and generous souls who took care of their family. Several family members were cared for in their home and spent their last breath there. These included both John and Fredericka Schlundt, and Riley's mother Delilah.

[11] Southside of Chicago, northwest Indiana

[12] These B&O rails are the same tracks that stopped at the Coburg Station and passed near the properties of both John Schlundt and Simon Shinabarger.

[13] McLellan, David and Warrick, Bill, The Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway, (Polo, Ill, 1989), p 9.



VETERAN OF THREE WARS DIES AT THE AGE OF 90

John Suchlundt Served in Prussian Army in Two Conflicts Before Fighting for American Union.

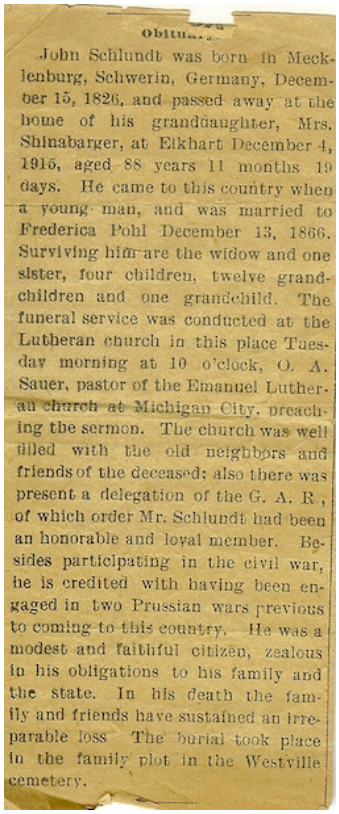
John Suchlundt, aged 90, a veteran of two wars in Germany and the American civil war, died at the home of a granddaughter, Mrs. R. E. Schunabarger of 1016 Garfield avenue, at 5 o'clock Saturday. Death was caused by pneumonia.

Mr. Suchlundt was born in Berlin on December 15, 1826. He had resided in this state over fifty years, the greater portion of the time on his farm near Westville. Five years ago he retired and since then had lived in this city.

Surviving Mr. Suchlundt are his wife, Martha Suchlundt; three sons, John and William Suchlundt of Valparaiso and Charles Suchlundt of Gary; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Megg of Valparaiso and a sister, Mrs. Sophia Schroeder of Toledo.

Mr. Suchlundt was a member of the G. A. R. at Westville, and that organization will have charge of his burial services. The body will be taken to Westville tomorrow.

1915 – On 4 Dec, 88-year-old John Frederick Schlundt died at the home of Riley and granddaughter Flora Shinabarger in Elkhart.[14]



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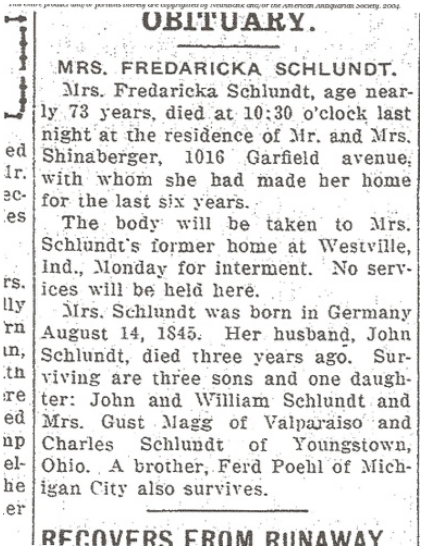
John Schlundt was born in Mecklenburg, Schwerin, Germany, December 15, 1826, and passed away at the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. Shinabarger, at Elkhart December 4, 1915, aged 88 years 11 months 19 days. He came to this country when a young man, and was married to Frederica Pohl December 13, 1866. Surviving him are the widow and one sister, four children, twelve grandchildren and one grandchild. The funeral service was conducted at the Lutheran church in this place Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, O. A. Sauer, pastor of the Emanuel Lutheran church at Michigan City, preaching the sermon. The church was well filled with the old neighbors and friends of the deceased; also there was present a delegation of the G. A. R., of which order Mr. Schlundt had been an honorable and loyal member. Besides participating in the civil war, he is credited with having been engaged in two Prussian wars previous to coming to this country. He was a modest and faithful citizen, zealous in his obligations to his family and the state. In his death the family and friends have sustained an irreparable loss. The burial took place in the family plot in the Westville cemetery.

The two Prussian wars mentioned in John's obituary would have been battles during The First Schleswig War (1848-1851) which was about who should rule over the Duchy of Schleswig. The combatants were the Germans in the duchies of Schleswig and Holstein in conjunction with the majority of nations in the German Confederation (including Prussia), opposing the State of Denmark. The war was indecisive, so, unfortunately, 13 years later, the Second Schleswig War erupted in 1864.

John Schlundt emigrated to America in 1855, avoiding this second war but in time to fight in the American Civil War.

Unknown the reference to "two wars in Germany" as John would have been too young for Napoleon's battles (Waterloo 1815) and gone when the Second Schleswig War broke out.



OBITUARY.

MRS. FREDARICKA SCHLUNDT.

Mrs. Fredaricka Schlundt, age nearly 73 years, died at 10:30 o'clock last night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Shinaberger, 1016 Garfield avenue, with whom she had made her home for the last six years.

The body will be taken to Mrs. Schlundt's former home at Westville, Ind., Monday for interment. No services will be held here.

Mrs. Schlundt was born in Germany August 14, 1845. Her husband, John Schlundt, died three years ago. Surviving are three sons and one daughter: John and William Schlundt and Mrs. Gust Magg of Valparaiso and Charles Schlundt of Youngstown, Ohio. A brother, Ferd Poehl of Michigan City also survives.

RECOVERS FROM RUNAWAY

Fredaricka lived with Flora and Riley for the last six years of her life. It is assumed that both John and Freda moved into the Shinabarger home around 1912. John died there in Dec of 1915, Freda about three years later.

I am not sure when Delilah May moved into the home on Sixth Street but do remember her there in the 1950s before she died.

[14] Elkhart "Daily Review" 6 December 1915

1917 – On 26 April daughter Vera May Shinabarger is born in Elkhart, IN. Vera's Birth Certificate reflects that Vera born 5 p.m. on April 27, 1917. Parents were living at 1016 Garfield in Elkhart. Birthday for Vera was always celebrated on the 26 April.

"*Dear children, Well 39 years ago today was a much nicer day and spring was really here, was on a Thurs, to. Today it is cool and cloudy. Felt better then than now even if I did have a lot of pain.*" Letter written on Thurs. Apr. 26, 1956 by Flora Shinabarger to her daughter, Vera.

By the time of the 1920 census, Philo and Elizabeth Carter, who raised Riley, have both died (1906 & 1918). John and Freda Schlundt, who raised Flora, have died (1915 & 1918). Riley's father Ernest died in 1916.

1920 Seattle, King, WA – Georgia Mix **Shinabarger** widow of Ernest, age 48, lives in her home with daughters Georgia, Hattie, Millicent Pahl and her husband Carl and 2-year-old Jean.

1920 – Federal Census Chicago Ward 6, Cook Co. IL, Delbert **Crampton** 49 is living around 6238 Wabash with wife May (**Carter**) 51. This address may be very close to where Riley and Flora lived in 1910 but they probably did not live with the Cramptons. By 1920 Riley and Flora were in Elkhart.

1920 – Federal Census Valparaiso Ward 3, Porter, Indiana Gust **Megg** 55, Mary (**Schlundt**) 52, Ana F 19 and Emma M 19.

1920 – Federal Census Elkhart Ward 5, Elkhart Co. IN, Riley E. **Shinabarger** 33, Flora 31, Kenneth E. 8 born IL and Vera M. 2 born IN. This home is at 1622 So. Sixth Street where Riley and Flora would live out most of their lives.

1930 and 1940 – Federal Census Baugo, Elkhart Co. IN, Delbert **Crampton** and Delilah May continued to live within about 5 miles from her son Riley. May and Delbert had no children.

Pictured at right is Delbert and May with grandchildren Kenneth and Vera, circa 1919.

1930 and 1940 – Federal Census Valparaiso, Porter Co. IN, Gust **Megg** and Mary **Schlundt** Megg continued to live in the Valparaiso area on Campbell Street. The home was then occupied by their daughter Anna Megg and her husband Benjamin Wolfe.

Gustav and Mary had four children: Wilhelmine Ernestine "Minnie" 1892-1973 who married James Dudgeon; John Edward 1895-1950, married Faye Hanawalt; Anna Freda 1900-1962, married Benjamin Wolfe; and Emma Marie 1900-1992, married Charles Skinner.

1930 – Federal Census Elkhart, Elkhart Co. IN, Riley E. **Shinabarger** 44, Flora 42, Kenneth 18 and Vera 12. Riley owns his home valued at $3800. He is a locomotive engineer.

1933 - By the turn of the century, transportation from Porter County, around Lake Michigan and into Chicago was convenient. With Riley Shinabarger, an engineer for the New York Central, it would be expected that he and family and friends would visit Chicago. Working for the railroads, passage may have even been free. There are family members who not only visited but lived in Chicago, including Riley in 1910 and Riley's mother and her husband Delbert Crampton who lived in Chicago and worked as a locomotive hostler in 1910-1920.

1933 – Chicago hosted A Century of Progress International Exposition (Chicago World's Fair) highlighting the technological innovation and progress of the era. In startling contrast to the 1893 Columbian Exposition's "White City," fair buildings were multi-colored to create a *Rainbow City*. This fair was centered along the riverfront around the old Meigs Field and McCormick Place.

Some highlights were the *fan dancer* Sally Rand, the Balbo Monument given to Chicago by Benito Mussolini, and an outbreak of amoebic dysentery which killed 98 visitors.

Copper commemorative bracelets in possession of Vera Shinabarger

1936 – Gustav Megg died 22 Oct and was buried in Westville Cemetery, Westville, LaPorte Co. IN.

1939 – Riley's daughter Vera May married William Carl Bunyard on 4 Feb at Grace Lutheran Parsonage in Elkhart, Elkhart Co. IN.

1942 – Riley registered for the WWII draft in Elkhart at the age of 55. His "left forefinger cut through nail" and his employer is New York Central. Riley's middle name is spelled "Earnest"

1942 – Delbert Crampton died 25 Jul 1942 Elkhart, Elkhart Co. IN. He was buried at Rice Cemetery, Elkhart, Elkhart Co. IN. The informant for the death certificate was Riley.

1940 - Federal Census Elkhart, Elkhart Co. IN, Riley E. **Shinabarger** 53, Flora 52, Kenneth 28. Riley was a locomotive engineer.

Riley always preferred to drive cargo trains, not passenger trains. He drove the Toledo to Chicago route. He would walk down the street to the round house, catch the early train #241 to Chicago (he was considered a "deadhead"),[15] then pick up his train for his run to Toledo and back. Riley was known to stop in a side yard in the Schererville area and have lunch with his daughter Vera and her husband Bill.

There was a story that Flora always knew when there had been an accident or death on the rail line as "a cold hand" would touch her ankle.

1948 – Georgiana Mix "Ma" Shinabarger died 13 Jan in Chico, Butte Co. CA. She was buried next to Riley's father at Evergreen Cemetery in Everett, Snohomish Co. WA.

1949 – Mary Schlundt Megg died on 17 Jun in Valparaiso, Center, Porter Co. IN and was buried at Westville Cemetery, Westville, LaPorte Co. IN.

It is unknown how close Flora was to her mother.

1951 – Christopher John Stark, allegedly the father of Flora Schlundt, died 15 Jan in Michigan City, LaPorte Co. IN and buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Michigan City.

1957 – Delilah May Carter Shinabarger Crampton died 14 May at the home of her son Riley in Elkhart, Elkhart Co. IN. She was buried at Rice Cemetery, Elkhart, Elkhart Co. IN. Riley paid the funeral expenses of $541.25.

1960 – Flora Schlundt Shinabarger died on 22 March in Elkhart, Elkhart Co. IN. She was buried at Westville Cemetery, Westville, LaPorte Co. IN.

1964 – Last run for the New York Central trains 241, 232, and 210 Elkhart to Chicago. First passenger train had begun in 1852.

1966 – Riley Shinabarger died on 4 Jun in Elkhart, Elkhart Co. IN. He was buried at Westville Cemetery, Westville, LaPorte Co. IN.

[15] See partial article in General Resource section

Riley and Flora Shinabarger lived on So. Sixth Street in Elkhart. Their home was warm and welcoming for their children and grandchildren.

Children of Riley Ernest Shinabarger and Flora Schlundt:

1. Kenneth Ernest Shinabarger 1911
2. Vera May Shinabarger 1917

At left: Riley, Vera, Bill, Sue and Kenny circa 1940

Vera May Shinabarger was born on 26 April 1917 in Elkhart, Elkhart Co. IN. On the 4th of Feb, 1939 she married William Carl Bunyard. William was born 9 Jul 1913 in Des Moines, Polk Co. IA, the son of Dora Hannah Brockmann and Edward Durwood Bunyard.

1937 – Vera graduated from the American Technical Society of Chicago, Illinois, with a certificate of proficiency in Practical Business Administration.

1937 – By April, Bill had left Iowa and moved to East Chicago, Indiana. It is not known why he chose to move to East Chicago, but finding work during the depression would be a huge factor. His move followed a year with FDR's Civilian Conservation Corps; the CCC was a public relief program 1933-1942 meant to train and employ jobless, unmarried men during the depression. There were many steel and manufacturing mills in the East Chicago/Gary area and a large draw for labor. Bill received an Indiana Operator's License in 1937. He was living at 3225 Michigan Ave in East Chicago. He worked for International Smelting & Refining Co in East Chicago, earning 66 cents an hour. By June of that year, he moved from Michigan Ave to 2202 Broadway.

1938 – Bill's 1938 Operator's License, which cost him 50 cents, shows 24-year-old Bill still living at the Broadway address. However, Bill was living at 33081/2 Michigan Ave when he bought a used 36 Chevy on the 31st of October. (In his later correspondence he cites his address as on Michigan Ave.) He continued working at International Smelting & Refining Co. His 1938 Income Tax Return shows that he earned $1279 (comparable to $18,300 in 2006 wages). His tax return also claimed his "aged and infirmed" mother Dora as a dependent. (Note: Dora's husband was still alive and they along with son Russell lived in Guthrie Co. Iowa.)

By September, Bill met Vera Shinabarger. The story of how they met is lost but Vera was probably visiting in the East Chicago area. Her father Riley was an engineer for the New York Central RR and her passage between East Chicago and her home in Elkhart, some 80 miles east, would have been direct and inexpensive. Living in East Chicago was Vera's great-uncle William Schlundt and his daughter Etta Belle who was one of Vera's best friends. Early pictures and letters indicate a group of girlfriends who were enjoying the freedoms of early adult life.

1939 –Vera married William Carl Bunyard on 4 Feb at Grace Lutheran Parsonage in Elkhart, Elkhart Co. IN. This church was just a block or so from Vera's family home.

1940 – During 1940, Bill and Vera moved to 4213 Carey St. in Indiana Harbor, an apartment across the street from Vera's Great Uncle William Schlundt, her mother's brother. On 17 November, their son Richard Ernest was born at St. Catherine's Hospital in East Chicago, seven blocks east of where Bill and Vera were living. The Lake Hill "stork shower" was held 1942.[16]

1940

LAKE HILL

St. John 2256

The Civic association is sponsoring a party Friday evening at the Community hall, according to the social chairman, Mrs. Lily Urbahns.

Mrs. Vera Bunyard, was honored with a stork shower Monday evening at the Community hall where about 50 ladies, friends and neighbors enjoyed the evening. The Neighborly club gave the shower on Mrs. Bunyard with Mrs. V. Olson, Mrs. E. Cameron and Mrs. M. Barker acting as hostesses.

1941 – Indiana Harbor and its busy port and huge complex of Inland Steel and other heavy industrial plants was far removed from the rural environment of Iowa where Bill was raised. It is no surprise that he sought to purchase a home in a more rural area. On the 26 June, Bill and Vera purchase a small 2-bedroom home in the area of rural route Dyer in Lake County, Indiana. This area was later known as the Lake Hills subdivision south of the unincorporated town of Schererville. They paid $3150 for the 728 sq. foot log home. In 1950, they purchased the surrounding land. It was on these ten acres that Bill raised his family and established the Lake Hills Fur Farm.

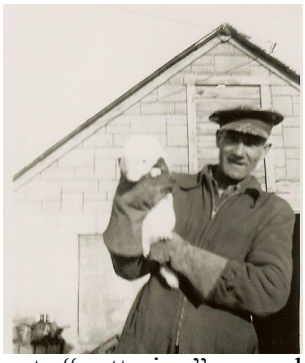
Vera never worked out of the home and never learned to drive. She and Bill remained in Lake Hills/Schererville for the rest of their lives.

1942 - On 8 December of this year, their daughter Judith Ann was born at St. Catherine's Hospital in East Chicago.

1944 – On 10 November, Bill and Vera paid St. Catherine's Hospital $40.30 for room and board and the delivery of Patricia Louise. World War II was soon to end but not before baby Patricia was to be issued her own War Ration Book.

[16] The Hammond Times newspaper, November 4, 1942

1953 - Bill was hired as a Maintenance man at Keyes Fibre Co. in Hammond where he continued to work until his retirement. His Lake Hills Fur Farm expanded and took up much of his children's and Bill's free time.



1957 – The furrier business was good. In the seasonal sale of 315 raw pelts, Bill netted $4,741. Expenses are unknown as to cost of raising the mink but Dick and Pat, and occasionally hired help from the community, took care of the mink by this time. A huge freezer was built to store the tons of fish, horsemeat, and tripe needed to feed them. Meat grinders and huge mixers made food for between 500 and 1200 hungry animals. And during the late winter the 'chicken' house was turned into a production line of tanning pelts and hanging them in the home's attic to dry.

1982 – Bill retired after 25 years at Keyes Fibre Co. He then devoted his time to "puttering" around his basement, garage and garden taking great pride in digging out tons of dirt by pick and shovel; painting, refurbishing and improving the buildings; and growing tomatoes, peppers, and huge pumpkins in his garden.

1986 – Bill died 3 July at his home in Schererville IN. He was cremated and his ashes were interred at the Westville Cemetery, Westville, LaPorte Co. IN.

1993 – Vera Bunyard died 9 January. She is buried at the Westville Cemetery as are a large number of her extended relatives from her Shinabarger side of the family.

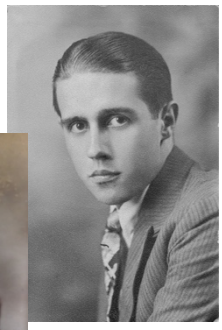
Vera took over the genealogy research of the family after her mother died in 1960 and spent years writing letters, gathering family data sheets, tromping cemeteries, digging around libraries and court houses in search of family history.

Children of Vera May Shinabarger and William Carl Bunyard:

1. Richard Ernest Bunyard - 17 Nov 1940 – 20 Jun 2018. Married Estelle Simmons, daughter of Mayo Simmons and Sadie Huggins. Died in Laurinburg, Scotland Co. NC. One son: R.W. born 4 Oct 1966.
2. Judith Ann Bunyard – 8 Dec 1942 – 28 Jun 2015. Married Herbert Frederick Bremer son of Wilhelm Bremer and Amelia Bauermeister. Died in Munster, Lake Co. IN. One son: D.H. born 1 Nov 1970.
3. Patricia Louise Bunyard – 10 Nov 1944. Unmarried, no children.

Kenneth Ernest "Kenny" Shinabarger was born on 14 Nov 1911 in Chicago, Cook Co. IL. He married Rhoda Suzanne "Sue" Ister, the daughter of Grover Ister and Lillian Harryetta Melvin in 1940.

1940 - Federal Census Elkhart, Elkhart Co. IN, Riley E. Shinabarger 53, Flora 52, Kenneth 28.



1940 – On 7 Jul Kenneth married Rhoda Susanne "Sue" Ister in Elkhart Indiana. Sue was born 9 Aug 1915 in Elkhart to Grover and Lillian Harryetta Melvin Ister.

Their wedding announcement was unique as it was reported in the newspaper that "The announcement, found in a prize by Mrs. Norman Zellmer, was burned on a set of hand carved hot dish mats."

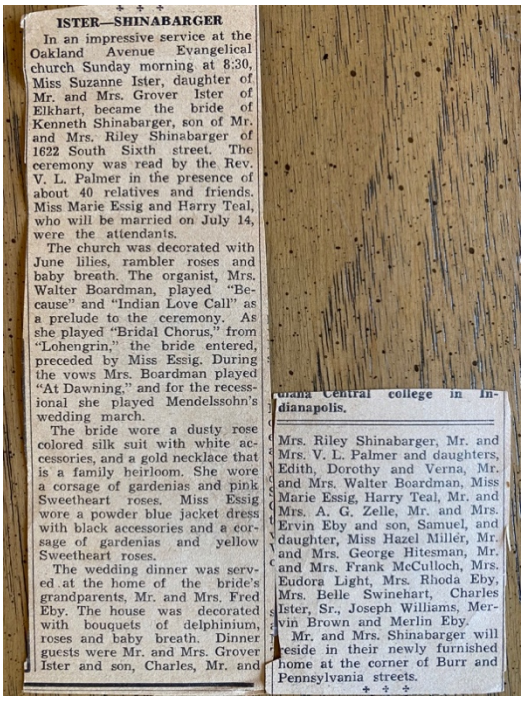
Both Sue and Kenny graduated from Elkhart High School in 1930 and 1933 respectively.

Kenny worked for Electric Sales and Service, Inc at the time of their marriage. Sue was employed by Zelle Funeral Home.

1940 – On 16 Oct, Kenneth registered for the WWII draft in Elkhart. He was employed by Electrical Sales and Service.

Kenny worked for various employers beyond Electric Sales and Service. He was also employed by Rockwell Spring & Axle which supplied parts to Studebaker. During WW2, Kenny worked for the Mishawaka Power Plant and was studying to be an electrician.

Kenny's last employer was Miles Laboratories. "When Kenny found out he got the job as an Electrician at Miles Laboratories in Elkhart, he was in such a rush to get home to tell Sue that he parked facing the wrong way on the street (Church Street, Elkhart). He ran in to tell her he got the job, and a policeman gave him a parking ticket."[17]



ISTER—SHINABARGER

In an impressive service at the Oakland Avenue Evangelical church Sunday morning at 8:30, Miss Suzanne Ister, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Ister of Elkhart, became the bride of Kenneth Shinabarger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Shinabarger of 1622 South Sixth street. The ceremony was read by the Rev. V. L. Palmer in the presence of about 40 relatives and friends. Miss Marie Essig and Harry Teal, who will be married on July 14, were the attendants.

The church was decorated with June lilies, rambler roses and baby breath. The organist, Mrs. Walter Boardman, played "Because" and "Indian Love Call" as a prelude to the ceremony. As she played "Bridal Chorus," from "Lohengrin," the bride entered, preceded by Miss Essig. During the vows Mrs. Boardman played "At Dawning," and for the recessional she played Mendelssohn's wedding march.

The bride wore a dusty rose colored silk suit with white accessories, and a gold necklace that is a family heirloom. She wore a corsage of gardenias and pink Sweetheart roses. Miss Essig wore a powder blue jacket dress with black accessories and a corsage of gardenias and yellow Sweetheart roses.

The wedding dinner was served at the home of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eby. The house was decorated with bouquets of delphinium, roses and baby breath. Dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Grover Ister and son, Charles, Mr. and

diana Central college in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Riley Shinabarger, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Palmer and daughters, Edith, Dorothy and Verna, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boardman, Miss Marie Essig, Harry Teal, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Zelle, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Eby and son, Samuel, and daughter, Miss Hazel Miller, Mr. and Mrs. George Hitesman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCulloch, Mrs. Eudora Light, Mrs. Rhoda Eby, Mrs. Belle Swinehart, Charles Ister, Sr., Joseph Williams, Mervin Brown and Merlin Eby.

Mr. and Mrs. Shinabarger will reside in their newly furnished home at the corner of Burr and Pennsylvania streets.

Sue worked for many years as a clerk for Judd Drug Store in Elkhart.

For many years, Sue remained a wonderful story-teller of the family history. She and Kenny were sweethearts for some time and Sue knew the Shinabarger family well. As she and Kenny dated they often had the younger sibling Vera tagging along; Kenny's mother evidently expected them to allow her to do so. Kenny was quieter.

The cousins visited over the years, both in Elkhart and in Schererville.

At left: David Shinabarger, Paul Shinabarger, Richard Bunyard, Patricia Bunyard and Judy Bunyard, circa 1946 in Schererville, IN.

[17] Correspondent Kipp Shinabarger, Kenny's grandson.

Kenny and Sue raised their family on Fieldhouse Ave. in Elkhart IN. At right: Keith, Mark, Ken, Sue, Paul, David, Carl and Jim. Circa 1962

Children of Kenneth Ernest Shinabarger and Susanne Ister:

1. David Charles Shinabarger – 9 Apr 1943. David married Lucy Mae McCoy on 9 Oct 1961 in Russell Co. VA. They had two daughters: E.L. 1962; and C.K. 1965.
2. Paul Riley Shinabarger – 18 Aug 1944. Married Shonnie Kay Rink 6 June 1964, two daughters: K.K. 1967, P.S. 1970. Paul married three more times, no other children.
3. Mark Ernest Shinabarger – 7 Nov 1947 – 4 Nov 2017. Married Jeanette Elaine Hummel on 1 Jan 1965. Two sons J.M. 1965; and B.L. 1968.
4. Keith Alan Shinabarger – 19 Mar 1949, Married Antionette Kay Ash on 16 Dec 1967. Son K.W. 1968.
5. James Lee Shinabarger 30 Mar 1955. Partner Mary Frances Leal. No children.
6. Carl Edward Shinabarger – 3 Sep 1958. Married Rhonda Denise Rentfrow. Two sons: K.R. 1980; R.E. 1984.

Flora Shinabarger has five great-grandsons and a great-great grandson to continue on the Shinabarger surname. She would be glad.

Flora began this genealogy research and passed information along to her daughter, Vera. Much of the Shinabarger family histories (and allied family surnames) originated with their initial work and research.

"A book, as far as I am concerned, was conceived before 1955 by a sweet little lady who acquired the Shinabarger name through marriage. Back then, they thought they had claim to a name that very few people had. Her husband had a brother with children, mostly girls, and an Uncle who also had mostly girls. She herself had one boy and one girl. By adding them all up she could only find 22 who really had claim to the name. So she had the idea to see if she could not find out just how many were really in the family of Simon Peter Shinabarger and his nine children.

During the next few years she contacted a few. Some she had quite a bit of data on. Not ever knowing or caring about genealogy or going into facts, she collected what was a fair number of those using these surnames. But, being a sweet, timid soul, she just skipped those who would not send information. In the later part of 1959, her letters were full of the idea of someone to take it over. This I did in March of 1960.

Not being the timid soul she was, I started to probe, dig, and write letters to everyone I could find with a name even similar. In the three years since I started this, I have come to one conclusion: Our family, the family of Simon Peter Shinabarger, has only a small claim to the name, even though we have over nine hundred descendants or allied families in our files that are in some way connected with his family.

In trying to contact and get information on these nine hundred plus, I also naturally ran into others. Simon's brothers and their families. Their uncles and families. Also, many others who as yet we have not been able to fit into the picture."

Vera May Shinabarger Bunyard - 1963

Riley Ernest SHINABARGER
Chronology Timeline

Date	Event
1860	Ernest Franklin born in Porter Co. IN
1861-1865	American Civil War
1885	Ernest and Delilah Carter marry
1888	Ernest and Georgiana Mix marry in Washington
1889	Ernest living in Grays Harbor, WA
1902	Father, S.P. Shinabarger, died in LaPorte Co. IN
1908	Son Riley living in Ernest's home in Washington
1910	Ernest, bicycle repair, in Cosmopolis WA
1910	Flora Schlundt and Riley Shinabarger marry
1911	Kenneth Shinabarger born in Chicago
1916	Ernest Franklin Shinabarger died
1917	U.S. enters World War One
1917	Vera Shinabarger born in Elkhart
1918-1919	Influenza pandemic hits the Midwest
1921	Franklin D. Roosevelt struck with polio
1939-1945	World War Two; US enters 1941
1948	Georgiana Mix Shinabarger dies
1949	Flora's mother Mary died
1950-1953	Korean War
1957	Riley's mother Delilah May died
1960	Flora Shinabarger died
1966	Riley Shinabarger died

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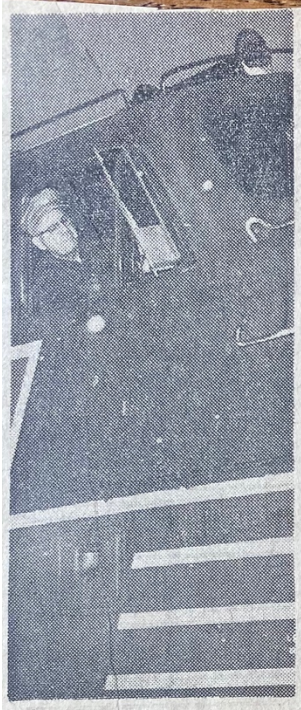

Engineer William G. Schaffer (top) hauls back the throttle, and the last local passenger train leaves Elkhart for Chicago. Assistant conductor LaMar Hoffman (bottom) calls the last "Board!" at the Elkhart depot.

The last train crew, plus one, on No. 232 poses at the Elkhart depot before going home for the day. They are (left to right) conductor Jay L. Kauffman; brakeman Oliver S. Wilhelm, who was off duty but went along to say goodbye to his old friends; and brakemen LaMar Hoffman and Carl G. Remmell.

Last Run—End Of An Era

By MARTIN BIEMER

For Elkhartans, it was the sentimental end of an era that really ended years ago.

For the people in La Porte and Chesterton, it was the end of an entirely different era.

On the books, it was the last run for New York Central trains 241, 232 and 210 —the last Elkhart - Chicago locals.

The first era began in 1852, when the first passenger train from Elkhart reached Chicago. Local trains were a vital part of the railroad, and 241 had its counterpart—the milk train.

Stopped Everywhere

Leaving Elkhart long before dawn, the milk train stopped at every stop on the way to Chicago—picking up express and mail, women going shopping in the big city, businessmen going into the city to work, and milk destined for the creameries.

The second era—the one for the La Porte and Chesterton people—began when the working man moved away from Chicago, moved away from the big city to raise their families in the peaceful atmosphere of the suburbs. They rode the train—the fastest, most relaxing way to get to work.

Last Run Begins

Light snow fell at the Elkhart depot. West of the station stood No. 241—the last local from Elkhart to Chicago. It was 6:20 a.m., EST, March 31.

A seven-man crew, all Elkhartans, manned the train. There were eight cars — one more than usual — and a twin-unit locomotive. The train would split up in Chicago for the return — half the cars and one locomotive on No. 232; the other half on No. 210.

Conductor H. J. Soucie was "captain" for the last trip. Engineer William G. Schaffer was at the throttle; fireman Eugene W. Jones beside him.

There were two helper conductors — brothers LaMar Hoffman and Dale M. Hoffman. The two brakemen were William V. Clarkson and Carl G. Remmell.

Few Paying Passengers

Not many paying passengers boarded the train in Elkhart — the days of the local train were already gone.

There were quite a few "deadheads," though — railroad men riding the train to work. Three of them were on the head car with the conductor — Wayne Schroeder, a signal maintainer at Indiana Harbor, and his father, H. G. Schroeder, a drawbridge operator-maintainer at Indiana Harbor, and train dispatcher George Kasamis.

(By the time we reached Chicago, conductor Soucie had marked up 40 deadheads out of 128 passengers on the first two cars.)

Great clouds of steam blew across the platform from the heating connections between the cars, and the brakemen and assistant conductors passed the word forward when everyone had boarded. LaMar Hoffman

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Wayne Schroeder, a signal maintainer, was one of 42 "deadheads" who rode local No. 241 to work.